

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION  
LOK SABHA**

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NON FUNCTIONAL HANDPUMPS  
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**Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the large number of handpumps installed through public funds to provide potable water are in a damaged and non-functional condition;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government proposes to formulate any scheme for providing assistance to repair the non-functional handpumps and to install new handpumps in rural areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the time-frame fixed therefor; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV )

- (a) As per data entered by the States on the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry the status of handpumps installed and the one which are damaged or non functional is given at Annexure -I.
- (b) to (d) Repair of non-functional handpumps can be carried out by the State Governments from the funds provided to the States under the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) component of the NRDWP. Hence the scheme is already there to carry out the repair the non-functional handpumps. As regards new hand pumps, during the Annual Action Plan (AAP) meetings with the States, the Ministry has discouraged the installation of new hand pumps unless they are absolutely necessary in some habitations and asked the States to go in for piped water schemes based on surface water sources.